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Hamilton County Highlights Another Child Available for Adoption

Cincinnati (Jan. 6, 2009) A 14-year-old girl who wants to be a veterinarian is January's Adoptable Child at Hamilton County's Department of Job and Family Services.

Hamilton County is spotlighting some of the children it has available for adoption with monthly releases to local media.

"We're looking at innovative ways of getting our children before the public so we can find them safe, loving homes," said Moira Weir, director of the department. "Every child deserves a permanent home and we know there are hundreds of loving families throughout this community who would be willing to open up their doors and their hearts to our children."

Deja, 14, likes working with animals and watching Animal Planet, National Geographic and the Discovery Channel. She longs to see the ocean or visit an aquarium to see dolphins!

Her favorite class is science and she does well in school. Math is her least favorite.

She has a variety of interests: she is writing a book about friendship, she enjoys double dutch jumping rope and she fancies camping, canoeing, visiting the mall and listening to music.

Deja would do best in an active, supportive, nurturing adoptive family and hopes to find a family with older children so she would have siblings.

Hamilton County currently has about 215 children available for adoption. The county's Children's Services Division often must take custody of children who are the victims of abuse or neglect and cannot be safely reunited with their families.

Those interested in adopting or becoming foster parents can learn more at www.hcadopt.org or www.hcfoster.org, or by calling (513) 632-6366 or e-mailing adoption@jfs.hamilton-co.org.

About Hamilton County's Department of Job and Family Services

The Department of Job and Family Services administers federal, state and local programs for those in need. The Department helps with local child protection, elderly protection, child care, child support enforcement, workforce development, cash assistance, food stamp disbursement and Medicaid disbursement. Servicing Hamilton County since 1947, the Department helps hundreds of thousands each year and is accredited by the Council on Accreditation, an international, independent, not-for-profit child and family service accrediting organization.